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Robert J. Nolletti (Robert=Nolletti%LabA%WAYNE@polskys.cc.uakron.edu) writes:

I agree that we have before us great new possibilities for education through television and the internet, and we should protect our children from the more adult oriented and sometimes profane content that exists over these mediums of communication. However, in my opinion we are going about this the wrong way. The Telecommunications Bill is a giant step towards a stronger regulation of the internet, television, and of other communication mediums. However, what the bill is attempting to do is to eliminate any and all material that might be considered inappropriate for children. In doing this, the bill also regulates and limits what everyone else is permitted to view and create. This is a direct violation of the freedom of speech and a giant step backwards for our country. Technology is already providing us with the means of protecting our children without need for this kind of censorship of tv and the net. The V-chip will block adult oriented television programs from children. Furthermore, there are numerous software programs already on the market that blocks out "cyber smut." Also, I feel that it is the responsibility of the parents to control what their children are watching on tv and the internet, not the governments. We need to leave parenting to parents.

Robert J. Nolletti -----

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J Craig DeGraff (CraigD@slc.twc.com) writes:

First, thanks for providing the opportunity to respond. 1. A hearty AMEN to your thoughts about public television. I sat down last night and had a choice between Melrose Place, Baywatch, Murder One, NYPD Blue and two America's Most Wanted-type programs dealing with murders. I just gave up and turned it off. If it's "public", I think it ought to teach and elevate while entertaining, not contribute to the demise of our society.

2. On the campaign issue, TV is THE mechanism to get us out of the "millionaires-only" mode we're now in with candidates for public office. IF it's free to all candidates and truly equal time. What better forum for public debates - LOTS of them? Here's a wild thought: As poorly as "representative" government is working, one wonders if we really need it any more. With the technology we have now, TV could be used to inform the populace of the issues, debates and discussion could be held over the InterNet (as here), and votes could be tallied directly from homes electronically. I realize that's radical, but short of that we HAVE to do something to return the opportunity to the common man or woman to run for high office. That is now almost impossible.

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Kevin J. Wild (kwild@denitqm.mnet.uswest.com) writes:

As a father of four children, I am in total agreement with your position regarding educational programs over broadcast TV. I "expect" you and the commission to ensure that broadcast television does their part. I am appalled at the lack of educational TV available today and with the low quality of regular broadcast TV programs. Please help to communicate my thoughts to the broadcast TV industry. Thank-You.

Sincerely,

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Robert B. Steinhofer (steinbob@aol.com) writes:

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Dear Mr. Chairman;

I appreciate you putting yourself out here to engage the "real" public. I may not be BIG BROADCAST BOYS WITH \$\$BUCKS\$\$ but I am fighting for the future of our kids and country and the magnificent educational potential of broadcast TV and radio has been sold to BIG BUCKS and turned into mind numbing trash in the name of "capitalism". The small light of meaningful programs offered by Public TV & radio made a huge difference in my young life. I and the viewing public struggle today in the "wasteland" of commercial broadcast trash that fills time between the official commercials. I was lucky, I survive the assault to my common sense and values, but there are many victims including my niece ,and so, I helped organize locally for the 1st NATIONAL TV TURNOFF WEEK last April. The average person won't turn off the TV we've become consigned to the TV Powers that be, viewers are not "getting what we want" were left to take what is shoveled on us.

WHAT I MEAN IS WE NEED YOU TO \*\* A C T \*\* and get back just a some of the so called "public airwaves" the BIG BOYS stole from us.

DEFEND THE CHILDREN and the peoples rights to broadcast requirement that

inform and enrich our lives and may help save our Nation.

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PLEASE RESPOND

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I support the Center for Media Education's drive to close the loopholes in FCC regulations concerning Children's Educational programming.

Commercial television has not been fulfilling the public trust that they have promised to in accepting their broadcast licenses. Children's educational programming is a vital part of that trust.

Please close the loopholes.

Thanks you,

-Markus De Shon  
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